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Hon. Robert P. Patterson United States District Judge Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007-1312

September 4, 2008 **US**DC SDNY **DOCUMENT ELECTRONICALLY FILED** DATE FILED:

Mid -Asia Shipping Ltd. v. Shanghai Shenglian International freight Forwarding Re:

Co. Ltd. a/k/s Shanghai Shenglian Int'l FRT FWD Co. Ltd.

Docket Number: 07 Civ. 9448 (RPP) Our Reference Number: 07-1265

MEMO ENDURSED

Dear Judge Patterson:

We write to provide the Court with the status of the above-captioned case and to request an adjournment of the pretrial conference scheduled for Friday September 12, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

We are attorneys for the Plaintiff in this admiralty action brought pursuant to Supplemental Admiralty Rule B of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. On or about October 24, 2007 an Ex-Parte Order authorizing process of maritime attachment was issued permitting restraint of Defendant's property in the hands of garnishee banks located within the Southern District of New York.

On June 16, 2008, garnishee Bank of China restrained Defendant's property in the amount of o\$14,790.00 pursuant to service of the Ex-Parte Order of Attachment and accompanying Writ. Notice of the attachment has been sent to the Defendant pursuant to the Local Rules.

Defendant has failed to answer or otherwise respond in this action at this time. In light of the foregoing, we respectfully request that the pre-trial conference in this matter be adjourned sine die and this matter be placed on the suspense calendar. If the Defendant appears at a later date it may request a conference at that time. The underlying dispute is subject to arbitration in . London and Plaintiff ultimately intends to obtain an award against Defendant in arbitration and enforce it against the funds attached. In the meantime, Plaintiff will continue to serve the Writ on the garnishee banks seeking full security for its claim. However, as no response has been forthcoming from Defendant at this time, it appears a pre-trial conference is not necessary.

Should your Honor have any questions or comments we are available to discuss the same at any convenient time to the Court. We thank your Honor for consideration of this request. This is Plaintiff's first request for an adjournment.

Meno Endorsement reads:

Application denied.

This case was commenced 10/24/07. THENE'S no audence of any arbitration proceeding having

been commenced.

So ordered.

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